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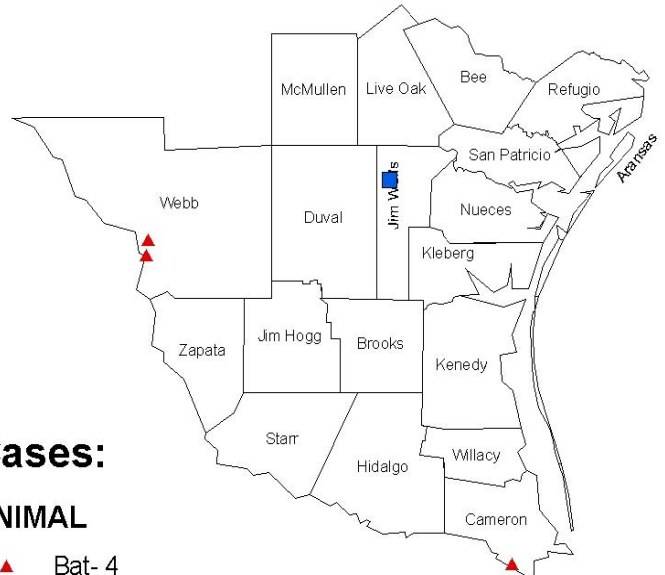
APRIL RABIES REPORT

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
JANUARY	0	0	3
FEBRUARY	0	1	3
MARCH	3	4	8
APRIL	2	4	4
TOTAL	5	9	18

There were two positive cases of rabies in PHR 11 during April: one bat from Cameron County and one dog from Jim Wells County. One decomposed bat from Jim Hogg County was also investigated.

The main items this month was the report of a positive dog from Jim Wells County. Needless to say, we thought the Domestic Dog/Coyote strain that we have worked so hard to eliminate had returned. However, the strain infecting this dog turned out to be the Texas Fox strain. This dog had recently been in the San Angelo area, which is in the current range of the Texas Fox rabies epizootic. The rabies incubation time frame also indicated that the dog was incubating rabies when it arrived in South Texas. We have not seen any other animals from Jim Wells County with rabies since then. We would like to say "thank you" to the veterinarian who recognized that this might be a case of rabies in an area that has not seen canine rabies in several years!

Positive Rabies Cases April 2003

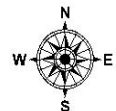


Cases:

ANIMAL

- ▲ Bat- 4
- Dog- 1

0 15 30 60 Miles



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ACO COURSES

An **Animal Control Officer Advanced Course** is scheduled for **July 17-18, 2003** in **Harlingen**. An **Basic ACO Course** is scheduled for **August 6- 8, 2003** in **Harlingen**. **Deadline for registration is May 30th**. Please submit a **COMPLETE** registration form for each student and return it to the Zoonosis Control office in Harlingen. There are no prerequisites for the Basic Course and no charge for attending either course. If you have any questions, please call Letty Tamayo at (956) 444-3224.

POSITIVE RABIES CASES

<u>CASE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>
4	4/07/03	Jim Wells	Dog
5	4/08/03	Cameron	Freetailed bat

OTHER RABIES RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
04/29/03	Jim Hogg	Bat	Decomposed

COUNTY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	TOTAL
CAMERON				BAT-1	1
JIM WELLS				DOG-1	1
WEBB			BAT-3		3
TOTAL	0	0	3	2	5